

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 183 through 186, 188 through 209, 223 through 226, 228 through 254, 258, 261, 262, 265 through 278, 281, 283 through 285, and 287 are pending, with Claims 183, 191, 199, 223, 231, 239, 250, 261, 262, 266, 269, 270, 271, 281, and 287 being independent. Claims 187, 227, 255 through 257, 259, 260, 263, 264, 279, 280, 282, 286, 288, and 289 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 261, 262, 270, 281, and 287 have been amended.

Applicant gratefully wishes to thank the Examiner for the kind courtesies extended in granting and conducting on November 5, 2004, a personal interview with Applicant's representative. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the outstanding rejections, which are respectfully traversed.

As discussed at the interview, Claims 255 through 257, 259 through 264, 270, 279 through 282, and 286 through 289 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as indefinite for use of the expression "AlliedSignal model P3X compressor". All rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the deletion without prejudice of that expression.

As also discussed at the interview, Claims 183 through 209 and 223 through 289 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,755,404 (Numbers) in view of "AlliedSignal's Augmented Forced-Air Deicing (AFAD)," AlliedSignal Aerospace (October 22, 1996). All rejections are respectfully traversed. As discussed at the interview, on November 17,

2003, Applicant respectfully filed a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 that addressed the AlliedSignal document by pointing out that the statement in that document relied upon by the Official Action describes Applicant's own work, thereby precluding reliance thereupon under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) per MPEP 2132.01; accordingly, the rejection is respectfully submitted to have been obviated.

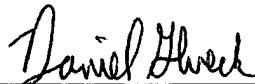
CONCLUSION

Applicant has copied the claims from U.S. Patent Nos. 6,209,823 (Foster '823) and 6,547,187 B2 (Foster '187) for the purpose of provoking an interference. Support for the copied claims and the identification of a proposed count for the interference will be submitted in a separate Request for Interference which will be filed in due course should the Examiner wish. In the meantime, if the Examiner reaches this case for action prior to receipt of the Request for Interference, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned before acting on the subject application.

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